Categories of coal

1312. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the following four categories of the saleable coal have been formed in Bharat Coking Coal Limited and other coal companies:—

(i) Acceptable to steel plants and washeries.

(ii) Non-acceptable to steel plants and washeries.

(iii) Disputed as acceptable or not to steel plants and washeries.

(iv) Non-vendable.

(b) if so, what is the take-off of each category of coal in the first three months of this year as compared to first three months of the last year;

(c) what is the disposal of non-vendable coal and how much was the stock of this category in the first three months of this year as compared to first three months last year; and

(d) how much stock of non-vendable coal was there in different collieries of B.CC.L., as on the 31st March, 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pension scheme for Journalists

1313. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 118 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1984 and state:

(a) whether the proposal to amend the Working Journalists Act with a view to providing the payment of pension by Newspaper Establishments to all working Journalists on their retirement, in view of the request made in this regard by the National Union of Journalists (India), has since been finalised;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question of granting pension to Newspaper Employees is linked with the wider question of granting pension to the industrial workers as a Social Security measure. The question of providing pension to Working Journalists would, therefore, be considered at the appropriate stage.

Industrial Hygiene Laboratories to Minimise the Incidence of Air Pollution

@1314. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNDP has agreed to help India in establishing the network of industrial hygiene laboratories to minmise the incidence of air pollution and working environment of the country's industrial areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such network to be established indicating the location of the proposed laboratories and the anti-pollution measures to be taken through these laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR): (a) and (b) UNDP has agreed to help India in the establish-

@Previously unstarred question 1159 transferred from the 2nd August, 1984.